

IN RECOGNITION OF CHARLES  
MAXIM

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2018*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Charles Maxim who is receiving his Honorary Degree from Wareham High School.

Charles is a lifelong resident of Wareham, Massachusetts. He was born on May 28, 1929 and grew up with seven sisters and one brother. Upon reaching the eighth grade, Charles left school in order to take care of his ailing mother because he believed that his mother's health was more important than finishing school.

In 1946, Charles joined the United States Navy. As a Seaman First Class, he served in Pearl Harbor and spent 45 days at sea on the LST 1135, surviving a typhoon, and eventually serving at Subic Bay in Manila. During his service, Charles played on a baseball team with future Major League pitcher Ray Scarborough, and enjoyed great camaraderie with his fellow sailors.

Charles had hoped to make a career in the Navy, but, for him, family was always the most important thing, so he returned to Massachusetts to care for his parents. After returning home, Charles worked for the town of Wareham for thirty-three years as a general foreman. He started a family of his own and today has three children, eight grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. One of his great-grandsons has followed in Charles' footsteps and now serves as a member of the United States Air Force.

Charles has dedicated his life to serving his family, his town, and his country. He now celebrates another great accomplishment by receiving an Honorary Degree.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Charles Maxim for receiving his Honorary Degree, following a career of dedication to his community. I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating his accomplishments and wishing him many more years of health and happiness.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JEFF DENHAM**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2018*

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, on January 30, 2018, I unintentionally missed a roll call vote on H.R. 4292, the Financial Institution Living Will Improvement Act.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 50.

HONORING IRMA HERNANDEZ

**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2018*

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take some time today and honor Irma Hernandez, a constituent I am immensely proud

of Mrs. Hernandez is retiring after serving the public for 36 years and serving the city of Orange for nearly 20 years. Mrs. Hernandez is retiring as the Deputy City Manager, and through her career she has set an example for all future municipal employees.

Mrs. Hernandez's personal qualities fit perfectly with the duties of a city employee—easygoing and personable with all walks of life, and determined and thorough with every single task required of her. Before her time with Orange, she served for the cities of Costa Mesa, Tustin, and Garden Grove. Her proficiency in handling the finances and budget of a city, coupled with her excellent communication skills, made her the ideal candidate for Deputy City Manager. Mrs. Hernandez represented the people of the city of Orange on the Metro Cities Fire Authority, Orange County Animal Care, and the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission. Mrs. Hernandez also represented all of Orange County's cities on the 800 MHz Governance Board, where her outstanding dedication has played a major part in the advancement of our state-of-the-art public safety radio system.

Mrs. Hernandez has enriched the community she lives in, not only through her career, but also through her fundraising for various causes. These include the Veterans' Memorial in Orange, and projects for Rotary International and the Chamber of Commerce. We are saddened that Mrs. Hernandez is leaving the city of Orange, but she has earned a long and happy retirement, and we wish her the best. Mrs. Hernandez will, without a doubt, be difficult to replace, but we are so fortunate to have had her commitment and drive. She exemplifies the best aspects of a government employee. I am honored to recognize Mrs. Hernandez for the positive role she has played in our community.

HONORING JACKIE BUSH ROORDA

**HON. JOHN KATKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2018*

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the selfless action of Jackie Bush Roorda, of LaFayette. Jackie donated her kidney to a complete stranger, who would have died without a kidney transplant.

Jackie wanted to do something brave. She donated her kidney to Gary Schmidt, who she had never met before, and who needed a kidney transplant in order to live after a lung transplant. Jackie's altruistic act gave her recipient another chance at life.

Research shows that while most New Yorkers support organ donation, only 28 percent of New York's eligible population is enrolled as an organ donor.

I'm proud to honor Jackie today. Her selfless act made a real difference, and changed Gary's life forever.

RAMOS LAW

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2018*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud the Ramos

Law for receiving the 2017 West Chamber of Commerce Medium Business of the Year Award.

When determining what type of medicine to pursue, Dr. Joseph Ramos kept asking one question: "What kind of medicine can I do that everyone can get, regardless of race, religion, sexual preference or ability to pay?" And only one answer came to mind: emergency room medicine. Dr. Ramos strongly believes in inclusion, and the ER is the one place where a homeless man can be seen next to a gunshot victim or a wealthy CEO. After completing law school, Dr. Ramos began serving clients in the same way he treated his patients—with respect and inclusion.

As a business leader, Dr. Ramos understands the importance of investing in and giving back to his community. He routinely lectures at schools, donates significant resources to his church, supports programs for his neighborhood as well as overseas. In addition, he supports multiple sports teams and scholarship programs.

Dr. Ramos is an inspiration of how to achieve a dream with a great support system and a lot of hard work. He demonstrates focus, dedication and commitment to excellence. Regardless of the level of success he achieves, he's always putting people first.

I extend my deepest congratulations to the Ramos Law for this well-deserved recognition by the West Chamber of Commerce.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2018*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, on February 8, 2018, I was absent from the House and missed Roll Call votes 64 and 65.

Had I been present for Roll Call 64, on passage of H.R. 1153, the Mortgage Choice Act of 2017, I would have voted No.

Had I been present for Roll Call 65, on approving the Journal, I would have voted No.

HONORING HOMES FOR OUR  
TROOPS OF TAUNTON, MA

**HON. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY III**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2018*

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Homes for Our Troops, a nonprofit headquartered in Taunton, Massachusetts where I am proud to represent.

Since 2004, Homes for Our Troops has built accessible homes for veterans who require adapted housing to accommodate for the difficulties of the severe injuries they have sustained in service. Overseen by a board of civilian specialists and retired military personnel, nearly 90 cents of every dollar spent has gone directly to housing projects and services, helping Homes for Our Troops become one of the top-rated military and veterans' charities in the country by watch dog groups Charity Navigator and Charity Watch.

This past Saturday, Homes for Our Troops celebrated the completion of their 250th home